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EXPANSION OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to expand and upgrade postal and telecommunication network in rural areas of Maharashtra particularly in Marathwada region;

(b) If so, the details thereof district-wise;

(c) the expansion and upgradation plan of said network implemented during the last three years; and

(d) the said plan proposed to be implemented during the next three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) The information on expansion of Postal Network in rural areas of Maharashtra,District-wise, is at Annexure-A. The list of Post Offices in Maharashtra upgraded by way of modernisation is given in Annexure-A I

(c) Upgradation of Postal Network in the rural areas of Maharashtra under the scheme of Modernization and Computerization of Post Offices commenced as part of the 8th Five-Year Plan and is continuing presently under the Ninth Five-Year Plan. Under these plan programmes, Multipurpose-Counter Machines, Savings Bank Local Area Network and Satellite based money transfers have been taken up. The Multipurpose counter machines are able to perform various back office functions with regard to proper accounting of money under various heads of accounts. The Local Area Network caters to all Savings Bank functions.Computers have also been installed in various rural interiors for the purpose of remitting and receiving money orders via Satellite. The following steps have been taken to upgrade the Postal Network in Marathwada Region during last three years.

1. The following post Offices has been provided with multipurpose counter machines (MPCM).

(i) Aurangabad 3

(ii) Jalna 1

(iii) CIDCO 1

(iv) CIA 1

(v) Latur 1

(vi) Osmanabad 1

2. Aurangabad Head Office has been provided with one V.SAT for expeditious money order transfer facility .It has seven earth Satellite Money Order Offices connected to it within Marathwada Region at the following locations:

(i) Osmanabad

(ii) Beed

(iii) Nanded

(iv) Jalna

(v) Parbhani

(vi) Ambajogai

(vii) Taljapur

3. The following Post Offices in Marathwada have been Modernized.

(i) Aurangabad

(ii) Beed

(iii) Jalna

(iv) Bajaj Nagar

(v) CIA

(vi) Marathwada Vidyapeeth

(vii) Parle Vaijnath

(viii) Ambajogai
(ix) Ahmedpur
(x) Aurangabad Railway Mail Service

4. Aurangabad Head Post Office is functioning as Business Post Centre.The Speed Postfacility in Marathwada is available in the following Post Offices:

(i) Aurangabad

(ii) Beed

(iii) Latur

(iv) Jalna

(v) Osmanabad

(vi) Nanded

5. The achievements of last three years in respect of Telecom Services in Maharashtra Circle is given as below:

ITEMS	97-98	98-99	99-2000
Exchanges	174	59	498
DELs	82,144	56,029	1,22,101
Net SWG Capacity	1,02,233	80,530	2,12,412

The details of Network implemented during the last three years is enclosed in Annexure C & D

(d) A Plan target for the current year 2000-2001 for expansion of Postal Network has beenfixed for Maharashtra circle as a whole and Marathawada region in particular. The details are given in Annexure-B. The opening of new Post Offices is subject to sanctioning of required posts by Ministry of Finance.Upgradation activity for the Postal Network during the currentfinancial year involves supply, installation and commissioning of computers at Karad, Bangalpur, Satara, Sholapur, and Srirampur. The Head Post Offices at Kalbadevi, Mandvi, Aurangabad, Nagpur City, Pune City and Mumbai Central are being computerized during the current financial year 2000-2001. The Post Office at AurangabadCantt. , Osmanabad, Panvel,Parbhani, Sinnar and Tank Road are proposed to be Modernized during the current financial year. In addition ten more post offices are proposed to be modernized during 2001-2002. High-end VSATs/ESMOs are being installed at Mumbai GPO, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad. The targets for Maharashtra Telecom Circle for S & M Exchanges for 2000-2001 are given below:

Items	Targets
New Exchanges	800
DELs	1,50,000
Net SWG Capacity	2,72,727

The details of Plan to provide telephone in Maharashtra Circle for the year 2000-2001 are

given in Annexure E & F.

Annexure-A

S.No.	Name of District	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		DSO	EDBO	DSO	EDBO	DSO	EDBO
1	Aurangabad			1	1		
2	Jalna			1			
3	Beed			2			
4	Dhule	3	5				
5	Nandurbar			1	3		
6	Nasik	2	1	1	1		
7	Nanded			2	5		
8	Parbhani	2		1			
9	Hingoli						
10	Latur	1	1				
11	Jalgaon	2	3	2			
12	Osmanabad	1	6				
13	Ratnagiri	2	6	6			
14	Kohlapur	1	6				
15	Sangli	4	1				
16	Sindhudurg	3	7	3			
17	Thane	1	2	4			
18	Raigad	1	3	7	2		
19	Mumbai			1			
20	Satara	2	2	1			
21	Solapur	1	1	1			
22	Ahmednagar	2	4	2			
23	Pune	3	1	1	1		
24	Akola			3			
25	Amravati			1	2		
26	Buldhana	2	1	1			
27	Bhandara	2	1				
28	Chandrapur	1	1	2			
29	Gadchiroli						
30	Nagpur			1	4		
31	Wardha						
32	Yeotmal	1	1	1			
33	Washim						
	Total	4	33	2	68	2	46

Note: Districts mentioned at 1 to 12 are in Marathawada Region

Annexure-B

Region	EDBOs			DSOs			PSSKs
S.No	OA	TA	Total	OA	TA	Total	
1 Aurangabad (Marathwada	10	3	13	2	0	2	20
2 Nagpur	10	2	12	0	0	0	20
3 Pune	15	2	17	0	0	0	20
4 Goa	10	3	13	0	0	0	20
5 Mumbai	3	2	5	0	0	0	5

OA - Other Areas
TA - Tribal Areas

ANNEXURE- C

STATUS OF NET CAPACITY AND DELs IN RURAL AREAS OF MAHARASHTRA

Sl. No.	Name of Dist	As on 31.3.98		As on 31.3.99		As on 31.3.2000	
		Net Cap	DEL	Net Cap	DEL	Net Cap	DEL

1	AHMEDNAGAR	38836	29415	20212	13772	53050	39663
2	AKOLA	4704	3118	6440	4757	8136	5028
3	WASHIM	2304	1226	2624	1851	3832	2611
4	AMRAVATI	4976	4010	5576	4634	8496	6594
5	AURANGABAD	9784	7407	12492	9330	19260	12179
6	BEED	6260	4266	7080	5036	14664	7883
7	BHANDARA	5120	3774	6648	5116	9664	6481
8	GONDIA	4396	3224	5044	3957	18188	12134
9	BULDHANA	7112	5010	12728	10296	16328	12106
10	CHANDRAPUR	8160	6264	9160	6961	14440	8523
11	DHULE	7448	6275	9376	7796	13312	9850
12	NANDURBAR	5320	4543	7544	5937	6496	4847
13	GADCHIROLI	2560	1653	3192	2418	5496	3170
14	JALGAON	16056	12830	21272	18407	28800	23517
15	JALNA	5072	2904	6304	3473	9888	4855
16	KALYAN	22632	14360	28472	21301	51952	36413
17	KOLHAPUR	20616	16265	26792	22743	43048	34670
18	LATUR	8024	6360	10208	7358	16088	9607
19	NAGPUR	18344	13430	20040	14759	26684	15696
20	NANDED	7224	4956	8912	6333	14064	9495
21	NASIK	48236	38433	64322	48695	27120	16613
22	OSMANABAD	5296	4477	6592	5458	10128	7617
23	PARBHANI	2412	1449	3800	2334	5096	2937
24	HINGOLI	2756	1794	2944	2041	4664	2514
25	PUNE	28596	24699	31304	27202	60734	38968
26	RAIGAD	26264	22814	36192	28399	46960	36458
27	RATNAGIRI	15314	12340	20297	16000	24888	15232
28	SANGLI	29488	24291	43216	35666	65684	48432
29	SATARA	18528	13855	21888	17415	22720	15017
30	SINDHUDURG	7368	4948	10080	7214	11860	7381
31	SOLAPUR	15206	10914	20408	13151	33484	20282
32	WARDHA	6620	4375	7036	5739	11860	7340
33	YEOTMAL	4872	3490	6672	5051	11232	6146
	TOTAL	415324	319169	504867	390649	718036	490262

ANNEXURE- D

STATUS OF NET CAPACITY ANDE DELs IN RURAL AREAS OF MARATHWADA AREA IN MAHARASHTRA STATE

Sl. No.	Name of District	As on 31.3.98		As on 31.3.99		As on 31.3.2000	
		Net Cap	DEL	Net Cap.	DEL	Net Cap.	DEL
1	Aurangabad	9784	7407	12492	9380	19260	1217
2	Beed	6260	4266	7080	5036	14664	7883
3	Jalna	5072	2904	6304	3473	9888	4855
4	Latur	8024	6360	10208	7358	16088	9607
5	Nanded	7224	4956	8912	6333	14064	9498
6	Osmanabad	5296	4477	6592	5458	10128	7617
7	Parbhani	2412	1449	3800	2384	5096	2937
8	Hingoli	2756	1794	2944	2041	4664	2514
	Total	46848	33613	58332	41463	93852	57090

ANNEXURE- E

MAHARASHTRA TELECOM CIRCLE

DETAILS OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES NET CAPACITY ADDITION AND DELs PLANNED IN RURAL AREAS DURINGT 2000-2001.

Sl No.	SSA	RURAL EXCHS.	NET CAP. ADDN.	DELs
1	AHMEDNAGAR	38	15800	15200
2	AKOLA	10	2000	1000
3	WASHIM	9	1750	500
4	AMRAVATI	19	3750	900
5	AURANGABAD	25	4500	3050
6	BEED	35	2600	1300
7	BHANDARA	8	3300	900
8	GONDIA	7	1200	400
9	BULDHANA	20	450	1300
10	CHANDRAPUR	10	3400	500
11	DHULE	14	4000	1400
12	NANDURBAR	6	1200	1550
13	GADCHIROLI	6	1900	250
14	JALGAON	26	7100	6000
15	JALNA	12	1900	800
16	KALYAN	28	7100	3200
17	KOLHAPUR	66	22500	23200
18	LATUR	30	5600	2600
19	NAGPUR	15	4500	950
20	NANDED	25	5300	1450
21	NASIK	24	10100	6000
22	OSMANABAD	11	3000	1100
23	PARBHANI	10	1600	800
24	HINGOLI	10	1400	400
25	PUNE	64	23000	9700
26	RAIGAD	15	4500	1600
27	RATNAGIRI	31	5200	1350
28	SANGLI	70	24700	24000
29	SATARA	40	8200	2600
30	SINDHUDURG	10	2400	1150
31	SOLAPUR	60	7100	8400
32	WARDHA	10	2200	500
33	YEOTMAL	27	3000	500
SUB- TOTAL		791	200300	124550

ANNEXURE- F

MAHARASHTRA TELECOM CIRCLE

DETAILS OF NEW TELEPHONE EXXCHANGES NET CDAPACIT6Y ADDITION AND DELs PLANNED IN RURAL AREAS OF MARATHYWADA REGION DURING 2000-2001.

SL.NO.	SSA	RURAL EXCHS.	NET CAP. ADDN.	DELs
1	AURANGABAD	25	0	3050
2	BEED	35	2600	1300
3	JALNA	12	1900	800
4	LATUR	30	5600	2600
5	NANDED	25	5300	1450
6	OSMANABAD	11	3000	1100
7	PARBHANI	10	1600	800
8	HINGOLI	10	1400	400